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SUBJECT: PRC ROAD BUILDING IN MADAGASCAR - CERP 0002

1. WHEN PRC GRANTED MADAGASCAR 57 MILLION DOLLAR LOAN IN 1975, IT WAS HAILED AS LARGEST SINGLE AID PROJECT IN MADAGASCAR'S HISTORY, AND IT WAS EXPECTED THAT MAJOR PART OF THIS LOAN WOULD BE USED FOR IMPROVEMENT OF WORST SECTIONS OF HIGHWAY BETWEEN ANTANANARIVO AND TAMATAVE, MADAGASCAR'S MAJOR PORT. IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE CHINESE WOULD IMPROVE THE SECTION OF ROAD BETWEEN MORAMANGA, HALF-WAY TO THE COAST, AND TAMATAVE MUCH OF WHICH IS IMPASSABLE DURING THE RAINY SEASON.

2. HOWEVER, SINCE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE LOAN TWO YEARS AGO, THERE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN LITTLE PROGRESS ON THE ROAD PROJECT. THE MOST RECENT AVAILABLE INFORMATION APRIL 25 IN THE GOVERNMENT PRESS BULLETIN WHICH DESCRIBED A COURTESY CALL BY CHINESE AMBASSADOR TIEN CHIH-TUNG ON MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS RADIO CELESTIN. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS REPORT, THE TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY HAS BEEN COMPLETED BETWEEN BRICKAVILLE AND TAMATAVE ALONG THE COAST, AND BETWEEN UNCLASSIFIED

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MORAMANGA AND PERINET IN THE MOUNTAINS. A SECTION 124 KILOMETERS LONG REMAINS TO BE SURVEYED BETWEEN PERINET AND BRICKAVILLE, BUT THIS WORK IS TO BE FINISHED BY THE END OF 1977. (NOTE: PRESUMABLY, PRC SURVEY TEAM WAITED UNTIL THE PRESENT DRY SEASON, BEFORE ATTEMPTING THIS DIFFICULT SECTION.)

3. THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR REPORTEDLY INFORMED THE
MINISTER THAT SOME OF THE CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT WILL
ARRIVE SOON FROM TANZANIA, BUT NO DATE FOR STARTING CON-
STRUCTION HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED. BARRETT

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